increase in the number of posts of Judges/Judicial Officers, appointment of special Judicial/Metropolitan Magistrates to dispose of petty criminal cases and adoption of other alternative modes of dispute resolution, such as, conciliation, mediation, arbitration and setting up of Lok Adalats, Special Courts and Tribunals.

Changes in the Transfer policy of Judges

†1324. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minsiter of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring changes in the transfer policy of the judges of high Courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any positive result has been achieved in the matter of transferring judges from one State to another?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (c) The Government decided, as a policy, that there should be a convention according to which 1/3rd of Judges in each High Court should be from any other State. Pursuant to this policy, transfer/appointment of judges and Chief Justices of the High Courts is made on the recommendation of the Chief Justice of India.

At Present no change in the above policy is contemplated.

Accident Claims settled through Lok Adalats in Rajasthan

1325. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of accident claims settled in Rajasthan through Lok Adalats during the last three years;

(b) the number of such cases still not disposed off inspite of mutual consent given in writing; and

(c) the reasons of non-settlement of such cases in the court of Sambhar about accident held in Dudhu, Rajasthan, on 17.6.93?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) The requisite information as provided by the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority is as under:

Financial Year	Number of MACT Cases Settled through Lok Adalat
1996-97	4,159
1997-98	3,551
1998-99	3,813

(b) The information is being collected from the concerned District Legal Services Authorities and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) As per the information received from the Additional District and Sessions Judge, Sambhar Lake, only one case namely Maya Devi Vs Ramavtar (Suit No. 83/94) is still pending. This case has remained pending for want of evidence from the applicant.

Cases pending in High Court of Madhya Pradesh

†1326. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh and its various benches as on 30th September, 1999; and

(b) the number of such cases out of them which are pending for more than five years alongwith the steps being taken for the earlier disposal of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) 99,069 cases were pending in the High Court of Madhya Pradesh and its different benches as on the 30th of September, 1999. Of these, 25221 cases were more than five years old.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.